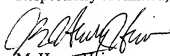


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment renders the two allowed claims, claims 4 and 6, in independent form by incorporating claim 4 into claim 1, canceling claims 3 and 4, and rendering claim 6 independent. All other claims are either canceled, dependent on the two independent claims, or withdrawn from consideration. With this amendment, all rejections and objections have been addressed and their grounds removed, leaving the claims and the application as a whole in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a conference with Applicant's attorney, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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